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SUBJECT: RADIO LIBERTY

REF: A) MADRID 5584; B) STATE 194369# C) MADRID 6105;
D) MADRID 6167.

1. WHEN I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA IN SAN SEBASTIAN AUGUST 30 ON A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS (SEPTELS), I REFERRED TO OUR CONVERSATION ON RADIO LIBERTY ON JULY 20 (REF A) AND ASKED WHETHER HE HAD ANYTHING FURTHER TO TELL ME. I SAID I WAS NOT PRESSING HIM, AND ONLY RAISED THE MATTER BECAUSE WE HAD SO AGREED DURING JULY CONVERSATION.

2. OREJA SAID HE HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS RADIO LIBERTY AT THE LAST CABINET MEETING, BUT THERE HAD NOT BEEN TIME WITH HIS DEPARTURE FOR PARIS THAT SAME EVENING. HE WOULD DO SO AT ONE OF THE NEXT CABINET MEETINGS, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN THAT WOULD BE.

3. OREJA RECALLED THAT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD MADE A DECISION TO LET US GO ON OPERATING RADIO LIBERTY WITHOUT RENEWAL OF THE LEASE FOR A PERIOD SHORTER THAN THREE YEARS TO GIVE US TIME TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE SITE. I REMINDED HIM THAT IN THE
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SECRETARY'S LETTER OF JUNE 28 TO HIS PREDECESSOR WE

HAD INDICATED OUR PROBLEMS IN FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE SITE AND HAD REQUESTED A LONG-TERM LEASE.

4. OREJA COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WOULD DECIDE. HE WOULD RAISE THE MATTER IN THE CABINET MEETING WHEN HE COULD.

5. I TOLD OREJA AGAIN THAT I WAS NOT PRESSING AND THAT I WOULD WAIT UNTIL I HEARD FURTHER FROM HIM. I TOLD HIM ALSO OF MY RECENT CONVERSATION WITH INFORMATION MINISTER (REF D). IN THE MEANTIME I ASSUMED IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT RADIO LIBERTY WOULD GO ON OPERATING AS BEFORE. OREJA REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

6. COMMENT: I SHOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT BIB STILL HOLDS TO VIEW STATED IN REF B, FOR THAT IS HOW MATTERS PRESENTLY STAND.
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